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WORKSHOP SESSION I 10:45 am – 12:00 pm Monday, December 16, 2013

A. Collaborative Leadership & Community Engagement to Establish Arrest Alternatives for Minor Offenses

Collaborative leadership skills were critical for Sedgwick County stakeholders in negotiating two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) to reduce arrests at school for minor offenses. One MOU specifically targeted students with disabilities, while the other includes an arrest alternative for all students in the Wichita Public Schools. The MOUs were implemented within months and have exceeded all expectations, such that they are now being replicated in suburban schools as a means for holding youth accountable without harmful, wasteful, and unnecessary confinement.

Panelists:

- Mark Masterson, Director, Department of Corrections, Kansas
- Lanora Nolan, Juvenile Justice Education Liaison, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, Kansas

Facilitator: Dana Shoenberg, Deputy Director, Center for Children's Law and Policy

B. Confinement as a Last Resort: The Impact of Statutory Reform Highlighting the Least Restrictive Standard

Illinois has successfully reduced the number of youth committed to state juvenile facilities to historic lows, thanks to a series of strategies including shifting fiscal incentives (Redeploy Illinois), and a recent statutory revision to highlight the existing standard of confinement as a last resort. The workshop will further examine the intersection of the implementation of the "least restrictive" statutory revision with the Planning Grant Phase of Redeploy Illinois.

Panelists:

- Elizabeth "Betsy" Clarke, President, Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative
- Hon. John "Ben" Rowe, Ogle County Resident Circuit Judge, Illinois 15th Judicial Circuit

Facilitator: Hon. George Timberlake, Retired Chief Circuit Judge, Illinois 2nd Judicial Circuit

C. How Good Data Can Mean Even Better Juvenile Defense: The Cases of Louisiana and Massachusetts

Juvenile defense embraces the importance of evidence-based decision making at the individual case level and data-driven solutions at the structural level. This workshop introduces two perspectives on how defenders can use data to define, research, and measure what works in fighting for children in the juvenile justice system, from embracing program evaluation to promoting positive youth development through defense advocacy.

Panelists:

- Joshua Dohan, Director, Youth Advocacy Division, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Massachusetts
- Joshua Perry, Executive Director, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

Facilitator: Stephen Phillippi, Associate Professor, Institute of Public Health and Justice, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

D. Dual Status Youth: New Strategies, Tools, and Resources for Improving Outcomes in Your Jurisdiction

Dual Status Youth are youth who come into contact with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. With the launch of the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, new tools and opportunities for reform on behalf of dual status youth are emerging. Panelists will share the most up to date research and publications regarding dual status youth as well as field experiences from jurisdictions taking on reform. Participants will engage in discussion about strategies they can use to transform outcomes for their dual status youth.

Panelists:

- John Tuell, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, Massachusetts
- Mark Mertens, Manager, Youth and Family Services Division, Outagamie County Department of Health and Human Services, Wisconsin

Facilitator: Jessica Heldman, Associate Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice

E. From Connecticut to Minnesota and Beyond: Disseminating a Model of School-Based Diversion with State Agency Partners

The MacArthur Foundation/SAMHSA initiative supported a diversion initiative for youth with behavioral health needs, using an integrated Policy Academy/Action Network approach. Teams from Connecticut and Minnesota developed a school-based diversion program for youth with behavioral health needs. Presenters will discuss key components of the model, implementation successes and challenges, outcome data, and efforts towards expansion and replication.

Panelists:

- Bill Wyss, Children's Mental Health Manager, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Children's Mental Health Division
- Jeff Vanderploeg, Associate Director, Child Health and Development Institute, Connecticut Center for Effective Practice
- Catherine Foley Geib, Manager of Clinical and Educational Services, Connecticut Judicial Branch

Facilitator: Joseph Coccozza, Executive Director, National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

F. Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES): Sustaining *Models for Change* Innovations Statewide

A new JJSES has been developed in Pennsylvania to consolidate the gains of the previous five years of *Models for Change* successes and to develop strategies to sustain and enhance those efforts. Pennsylvania's JJSES rests on two interlinked foundations: the best empirical research available in the field of juvenile justice and a set of core beliefs about how to put this research into practice. This session will provide an update on the implementation of the JJSES with a focus on tools that have been developed to implement the strategy.

Panelists:

- Richard Steele, Director of Policy and Program Development, Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, Pennsylvania
- Michael Pennington, Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Facilitator: Autumn Dickman, Project Manager, Pennsylvania *Models for Change* Initiative, Juvenile Law Center

G. Recruitment, Re-engagement, & Re-entry: Incorporating the Youth Voice into Juvenile Justice Reform

This workshop will highlight two system reform efforts from Washington that emphasize the inclusion of young people in advocacy efforts. These examples will illustrate how engaging youth in advocacy has dual

outcomes: (1) Youth voice serves an effective advocacy tool and often provides a perspective that moves leaders to implement change, and (2) including young people in reform efforts empowers them to become the next generation of advocates, while also developing their leadership and life skills.

Panelists:

- Debra Baker, Director, The Raising Our Youth As Leaders Project, Department of Public Defense, Washington
- Starcia Ague, Youth and Family Advocate Program Administrator, Juvenile Justice Rehabilitation Administration

Facilitator: Alexandra Staropoli, Associate Director of Government and Field Relations, Coalition for Juvenile Justice

H. Knowing Where You Are to Plan Where You're Going: A Systems Approach to Status Offense Reform

A well-planned status offense reform effort depends on a complete and accurate understanding of your current system—you can't know where you need to go until you have a clear sense of where you are. This workshop will focus on the critical role that data can play in this process, including an interactive discussion highlighting what data elements are most important to collect and analyze about your system and how you can actively use it to problem-solve and drive your reform work.

Panelists:

- Annie Salsich, Director, Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice
- Hon. Patricia Koch, Criminal Court Judge, Division "E", Ninth Judicial Circuit, Louisiana

Facilitator: Vidhya Ananthakrishnan, Project Director, Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

WORKSHOP SESSION 2

2:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Monday, December 16, 2013

A. Identifying the Drivers of Adolescent Domestic Battery: A New Assessment Tool to Inform Interventions with Youth

When it comes to adolescent domestic violence, no one wants to be the person who makes the decision that a family can remain safely together only to be wrong, with tragic consequences. The Adolescent Domestic Battery Typologies Tool (ADBTT) has been developed and is currently being validated as an assessment tool with the potential to measure risk of re-offense and to aid the system in the decision-making process to determine what type of response would best meet the needs of the youth, his family and the community.

Panelists:

- Gina Vincent, Co-Director, National Youth Screening & Assessment Project, Center for Mental Health Services Research, Massachusetts
- Wendy Nussbaum, Executive Director, Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services, Illinois

Facilitator: Stuart Berry, Juvenile Justice Consultant and Contractor

B. Big Data for Big Change: Using Multi-Agency Data to Set Youths on the Path to Success

Many states are responding to philosophical shifts in how to deal with youth in a juvenile justice setting. This workshop provides information on smart philosophical change by using data to enhance decision-making on service level. Workshop participants will be engaged in a series of mock placements based on increasing awareness of data variables. The workshop will mimic the predictive analytics currently in use across the Oregon Youth Authority.

Panelists:

- Shannon Myrick, Youth Reformation System Product Manager, Oregon Youth Authority
- Paul Bellatty, Research Manager, Oregon Youth Authority

Facilitator: Gene Siegel, Consultant, GCS Consulting, LLC

C. 10 Steps to Providing Effective Behavioral Health Support for Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth

With more than 1.5 million youth arrested each year, and the prevalence of mental illness and substance use disorders in this group as high as 50%, the need for effective behavioral health interventions is very high. Recent national estimates indicate that less than 10% of juvenile offenders are afforded access to proven programs. The workshop presents and engages attendees in a discussion of 10 steps to providing effective programs which was developed in 2013 as a product of an eight state Policy Academy/Action Network initiative supported by the MacArthur Foundation and SAMHSA.

Panelists:

- Stephen Phillippi, Associate Professor, Institute of Public Health and Justice, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
- John Morris, Independent Consultant, Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc.

Facilitator: Karli Keator, Division Manager, Juvenile Justice Division, National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

D. Probation System Review: A Tool for Improved Practices and Outcomes

Probation System Review, a core activity of the Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice, provides an opportunity for jurisdictions to enhance their probation practices in order to achieve improved outcomes for youth. This workshop will introduce participants to the elements and tools for a probation review, present the case for improved outcomes, and highlight the potential to undertake a review in their jurisdictions.

Panelists:

- Janet Wiig, Senior Policy and Planning Advisor, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice
- John Ryals, Jr., Evaluation/Treatment Manager, Jefferson Parish Department of Juvenile Services, Louisiana

Facilitator: John Tuell, Executive Director, Robert F. Kennedy National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice

E. Navigating Politics and Practice: Tackling Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Washington State

The workshop will tell a 3-part story of how data improvements for monitoring racial and ethnic disparities in a decentralized state were institutionalized, the political process for releasing and discussing information at both the state and local level and, most importantly, how solutions for reducing disparities have been applied in a *Models for Change* demonstration site. The panelists come from a variety of backgrounds that address national, state and local perspectives on measuring disparities and then applying solutions.

Panelists:

- Sarah Veele, Senior Research Associate, Washington State Center for Court Research
- Patrick Escamilla, Court Administrator, Clark County Juvenile Court, Washington

Facilitator: Hunter Hurst IV, Senior Research Associate, National Center for Juvenile Justice

F. Teaching Family Involvement Skills: A Replicable Model

Family Involvement was a Strategic Innovation addressed through the development of training and information by the members of the *Models for Change*, Mental Health/Juvenile Justice Action Networks. Network member Pennsylvania's original curriculum for justice system practitioners on tools and skills to effectively engage families is now being adapted by five additional states. The curriculum's author and a New Mexico participant to the Legacy Train the Trainer event will demonstrate key learnings and outcomes from this process.

Panelists:

- Wendy Luckenbill, Senior Recovery and Resilience Specialist, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, Pennsylvania
- Mark Gomez, Training Supervisor, Academy of Training and Professional Development, New Mexico

Facilitator: Autumn Dickman, Project Manager, Pennsylvania *Models for Change* Initiative, Juvenile Law Center

G. The Comeback States: Policy Levers to Reduce Youth Incarceration

In the last decade, the youth incarceration rate has decreased by a dramatic 40 percent nationwide. Of the states that have exceeded the national average, nine have implemented state-level policies that have helped to concretize this trend, including two *Models for Change* states, Illinois and Washington. This workshop will investigate the policies implemented by the nine “comeback” states and how other states can accelerate or jumpstart their own de-incarceration trend.

Panelists:

- Marc Levin, Policy Director, Right on Crime, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- Annie Lee, Executive Director, TeamChild, Washington

Facilitator: Sarah Bryer, Director, National Juvenile Justice Network

H. Developmental Science Catalyzing System Change: Its Impact on Statewide Effort Against the Use of Isolation

This workshop will focus on how advocates for juvenile justice reform can use adolescent development and brain science to drive system change efforts in their states. The session will draw on recent efforts to ban the use of solitary confinement in New Jersey’s long-term juvenile facilities, which grew out of the state’s JIDAN initiative, to explore strategies for coalition building, issue framing, media involvement, and legal advocacy.

Panelists:

- Sandra Simkins, Clinical Professor of Law, Rutgers School of Law – Camden
- Laura Cohen, Clinical Professor of Law, Rutgers School of Law – Newark
- Alexander Shalom, Senior Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey

Facilitator: Marsha Levick, Deputy Director and Chief Counsel, Juvenile Law Center

WORKSHOP SESSION 3

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

A. Can We Collaborate? Working with Prosecutors to Advance Juvenile Justice Goals

Juvenile court prosecutors can greatly impact youth and families who have become involved with the juvenile justice system; as such, prosecutors are also critical allies and partners in juvenile justice and juvenile court reform efforts. This workshop will provide participants with useful and practical guidance on effective ways to collaborate with prosecutors and further advance juvenile justice reform within their jurisdictions.

Panelists:

- Jill Mata, Assistant District Attorney, Juvenile Division Chief, Bexar County District Attorney’s Office, Texas
- Anthony Pierro, Supervising Assistant Prosecutor, Juvenile Division Chief, Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office, New Jersey

Facilitator: Susan Broderick, Assistant Research Professor & Project Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown Public Policy Institute

B. Confronting Bias: Elevating Efforts to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities

DMC Action Network sites and other DMC reduction efforts have attempted to reduce the impact of societal biases by implementing objective and race-neutral decision-making criteria that seek to level the playing field for youth of color by changing practitioner behavior. This skill-building workshop will explore the concepts of implicit and explicit bias, deepen understanding of the ways in which individual biases affect case-level decision-making and system management, and strengthen practitioners’ ability to use data to evaluate and address policies and protocols that contribute to disparities.

Panelists:

- Jason Szanyi, Staff Attorney, Center for Children’s Law and Policy
 - Larry Spottsville, Director of Juvenile Services, 9th Judicial District Court for Rapides Parish, Louisiana
- Facilitator:* Tiana Davis, DMC Policy Director, Center for Children’s Law and Policy

C. From Prevention to Detention: Meeting Behavioral Health Needs of Youth with Mental Health Disorders

While the seriousness of an offense may dictate the type of supervision that a Court provides for a child, it should not have an effect on the provision of behavioral health services. The workshop will explore the use of community collaboration to effectively provide behavioral health services to youth throughout the continuum of sanctions, from diversion through re-entry. The workshop will also provide a brief overview of co-occurrence disorders (mental health and substance use) in youth and focus on the high rates of CODs of youth involved in the juvenile justice system and best practice guidelines for working with these youth. Participants will link together the clinical, judicial, and systemic issues and challenges of successfully intervening with youth with CODs who are justice involved.

Panelists:

- Hon. Linda Tucci Teodosio, Judge, Summit County Juvenile Court, Akron, Ohio
- Michael Fox, Research Associate, Center for Innovative Practices, Begun Center for Violence Prevention and Research Education, Case Western Reserve University, Ohio

Facilitator: Patrick Canary, Senior Research Associate and Director, Center for Innovative Practices, Begun Center for Violence Prevention and Research Education, Case Western Reserve University, Ohio

D. Changing Mental Health Practice in Georgia and North Carolina: Lessons for Leaders and Practitioners

The Mental Health Training Curriculum for Juvenile Justice, a training tool developed by the Mental Health Juvenile Justice Action Network, was shared with ten new, competitively selected sites. This panel presentation will describe the project and efforts to create more mental health training capacity within juvenile justice systems across the country. Representatives from two of the sites will talk about the need for and the importance of this training. They will also describe their experience with this project- including their participation in the Train the Trainer session and subsequent efforts to implement the training to staff throughout their system.

Panelists:

- Jean Steinberg, Director of Clinical Services and Programs, Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Division of Juvenile Justice
- Theodore Carter, Jr., Director, Office of Training, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
- Stephen Phillippi, Associate Professor, Institute of Public Health and Justice, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

Facilitator: Kathleen Skowrya, Associate Director, National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

E. National Status Offense Standards: The Effect on Local, State, and Federal Status Offense Policy and Practice

In December 2013, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, in partnership with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and a team of experts, released the “National Standards for the Care of Youth Charged with Status Offenses.” The standards call for system responses that keep youth and their families’ best interests at the center of the intervention. This session explores the impetus for, the content of, and the potential impact of, the Standards.

Panelists:

- Marie Williams, Interim Executive Director, Coalition for Juvenile Justice
- Hon. Joan Byer, Judge, Family Trial Division Jefferson Circuit Court, Kentucky

Facilitator: Annie Salsich, Director, Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

F. Raising the Bar in Juvenile Justice: Juvenile Defense Standards As a Model for Professionalization

The stakes in juvenile delinquency court are high, yet juvenile justice is often not seen as a specialized area of practice but as a trial to endure. This workshop will discuss how North Carolina and California addressed this issue by establishing high standards of practice and a specialization in juvenile defense. The presenters will demonstrate how providing adequate training and specialization can be adapted for all stakeholders to improve the overall juvenile justice system.

Panelists:

- Arthur Bowie, Supervising Assistant Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, County of Sacramento, California
- Eric Zogry, State Juvenile Defender, North Carolina Office of the Juvenile Defender

Facilitator: Rey Banks, Senior Policy and Communications Associate, National Juvenile Defender Center

G. Right to Counsel: The Native American Juvenile Justice Reform Projects

Through the *Models for Change* initiative, the University of Washington Native American Law Center (UW NALC) has worked to identify how juvenile indigent defense reform efforts can be expanded to address the legal needs of tribal youth. The UW NALC developed two projects addressing these issues, including a partnership with the Quinault Nation to provide representation of juveniles via video-conferencing who would be otherwise unrepresented in that tribal court; and the development of a model tribal juvenile code. Participants will discuss the challenges and ethical issues involved in representing youth remotely, discuss the choices made in developing a model juvenile code and its unique method of dissemination through web videos, and learn about political issues and other challenges in working with tribes.

Panelists:

- Ron Whitener, Executive Director, Native American Law Center, Washington
- Mary Rodriguez, Staff Attorney, Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic, University of Washington Law School

Facilitator: Nadia Seeratan, Senior Staff Attorney and Policy Advocate, National Juvenile Defender Center

H. Youth Futures: Strengthening Education and Employment Prospects for Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth

Providing young people involved in the juvenile justice system with the skills, training, and supports that will enable them to pursue educational and employment opportunities is critical to helping them successfully transition into adulthood. Presenters will describe Youth Futures, a new multi-site initiative funded by the Department of Labor, which aims to improve the education and labor market prospects of justice-involved youths in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans, building on the work of *Models for Change* projects in Pennsylvania.

Panelists:

- Marna Goodman, Training and Development Consultant, Illinois Department of Justice *and* former Director of Operations, PA Academic and Career/Technical Training (PACTT) Alliance
- Vidhya Ananthakrishnan, Project Director, Center on Youth Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

Facilitator: Autumn Dickman, Project Manager, Pennsylvania *Models for Change* Initiative, Juvenile Law Center